

**REMARKS**

Claims 64-90 are pending in this application, with claims 65 and 69-89 being withdrawn. By this Amendment, claims 64 and 90 are amended. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Castellano during the July 13 personal interview are appreciated. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

**I. Pending Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 64-68, 79, 80 and 80-90 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,952,347 to Kasugai and claims 74 and 81-86 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kasugai. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the July 13 personal interview, the claims are further clarified to better distinguish Kasugai. Independent claims 64 and 90 are amended as suggested to clarify that the insert is provided on the outside of the wall, so that an outside surface of the wall is in direct contact with an insert. This portion of the wall defines a portion in relief that includes a housing. Moreover, an attachment (such as valve 24), separate from the insert, is attached to the portion in relief and at least partially received in the housing.

This is consistent with all of Applicants' embodiments where, for example, the portion in relief (22, 28) defined by the overmolded portion of wall portion 1 having an outside surface in direct contact with the insert (5) forms a housing (space in the middle of the insert between branches 21a, 21b, 21c) that partially receives an attachment (24) (Applicants' Figs. 6A-B and page 8, lines 1-25). As agreed by the Examiner, claims 64 and 90 define over Kasugai and contain allowable subject matter.

Rejected dependent claims 66-68 are allowable for their dependence on allowable generic claim 64. Rejected (but withdrawn) claims 74 and 79-90 are also allowable for their

dependence on allowable generic claim 64 and should be rejoined and allowed. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**II. Rejoinder of Claims**

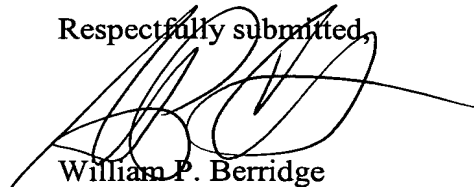
In the prior Office Action, claims 65, 74, 76 and 79-89 are indicated to be withdrawn (even though some were addressed in the art rejection). This withdrawal was traversed in the previous rejection. However, because independent claim 64 is allowable for the reasons discussed above, all of dependent claims 65 and 69-89 are also allowable for their dependence on allowable generic claim 64 and should be rejoined and allowed.

**V. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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